

REMARKS

This Amendment D is in response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office action mailed October 12, 2006. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of the claimed subject matter over the prior art. This Amendment D addresses the objections to the specification set forth in the noted Office action.

I. Objection to the Specification

Applicants note that the Office has objected to the use of the phrase "incorporation by reference" with respect to the journal articles cited in Examples 1, A. and 1, B. (which appear on pages 52 and 53, respectively, of the application as filed). Applicants respectfully submit that the information provided in these journal articles was not relied upon in any way to overcome an objection, rejection, or other requirement imposed by the Office. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the specification on these pages, as noted above, in order to remove both of the objectionable phrases.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present objection.

II. Status of Pending Claims

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Office's finding that all pending claims (i.e., claims 1-4, 6-40, 42-50, 52, 53, 55-57, 59-61, 63-66, 68-70 and 72-77) are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the specification and remarks set forth herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Amendment D. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment regarding this application to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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